Bank of the N. P. Channel.

593. *MR. THEROOR S MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the bank of the N. P. channel between Kulasekharanputhoor (Theroor pakuthi) and Marungur in the Agastisvaram taluk forms the main road to many villages, *viz.*, Kulasekharanputhoor, Sivagnanapuram, Ramapuram, Andarkulam, Kothankulam, Adhalavilai, Pasuthozhuthuvilai, Sankaramputhur, Thevacolam, Kannancheri, Kottavilai, Alaganapuram, Marungur, Eraviputhoor, etc;

(*b*) whether they are aware that it is an important road deserving metalling and better maintenance than at present;

(*c*) what is the length of the road from Kulasekharanputhur to Marungur; and

(*d*) what is the maintenance amount for this portion of the road per year at present?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The channel bank roads are not generally intended for heavy cart traffic.

(*c*) 3 1/2 miles.

(*d*) Rs. 194.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that this road being one which connects many villages, is an important road and requires maintenance?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: Government are not aware that this is an important road.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: When the Government admit that it serves so many villages, is it not up to Government to make enquiries about the condition of the road?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: Enquires have been made and it is found that it is a road of only local importance.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): May I know whether he has visited that road before?

MR. K. K. KARTHA: Information about that road is available with me.

MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI: My question is whether he has visited that road.

MR. K. K. KARTHA: The Chief Engineer has visited that road and recorded his opinion.

Communal Enactments.

594. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of communal enactments in the State;

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